(e) Upto the 1986-87 Marketing Plan, BPCL has issued Letters of Intent in Western U.P. for the following locations:

(1) Muzzaffarnagar, Dist. Muzaffarnagar
(2) Faridapur, Dist. Bareilly
(3) Saharanpur, Dist. Saharanpur
(4) Dehra Dun
Dist. Dehra Dun
(5) Dehra Dun
(6) Meerut, Dist Meerut
(7) Dadri, Dist. Ghaziabad
(8) Rudrapur, Dist. Nainital
(9) Meerut, Dist. Meerut.

Production target for crude

3455. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th January, 1988 wherein the Chairman ONGC has reportedly said that "ONGC has also been asked to reduce its production target to four million tonnes as per mid-term plan appraisal, because of certain problems"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) No such statement of Chairman ONGC has appeared in the Hindustan Times Delhi Edition of 25th January 1988. Unstarred Question No. 691 was answered taking into account total crude production in the country. Although some adjustment in production targets have been made during mid-term review of 7th Plan, in no region ONGC, target has been reduced to four million tonnes from five million tonnes.

Reserves of gas and oil in South Bassein

3456. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the confirmed and unconfirmed reserves of natural gas and oil in South Bassein;

(b) by when gas supply will begin from the South Bassein and what are the plans for utilisation;

(c) the names of the companies working at present for field development of South Bassein and construction of the pipeline to bring gas to the shore and value of orders taken by each of them and completion schedule committed by them;

(d) what are the details of the new field development works planned or proposed for South Bassein;

(e) the total cost of South Bassein development and the revised schedule for completion of the project; and

(f) the amount of loans committed by foreign countries for South Bassein development and whether any new loans are proposed to be acquired?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The balance recoverable reserves of crude oil and natural gas in Bombay Offshore, which includes South Bassein fields, is about 330 million tonnes and 400 million cubic metres respectively.

(b) Supply is expected to commence in 1988-89. Gas would be utilised for production of fertilizers and power.

(c) M/s. Snam Progetti of Italy have been awarded the contract for development work pertaining to

Phase-II of the South Bassein gas-fields and work is in progress. The value of the contract is US $ 138.6 million, and scheduled date of completion is March, 1989. Construction of pipeline to bring the gas onshore has already been completed.

(d) No further plans of development of South Bassein gas-fields are proposed, while for tapping the crude oil from the South Bassein field a scheme is under study by ONGC.

(e) The total cost of the South Bassein gas-fields development undertaken in the two phases is estimated at Rs. 907.59 crores. The completion schedule for the entire project is March, 1989.

(f) The following are the loans/credits for the development of the South Bassein gas-field committed by foreign countries:

1. Buyer's credit US $ 26.5 million

2. Italian Government to Indian Government soft loan US $ 40.00 million

3. Kuwait fund, Kuwaity Dinner 14.6 million.

4. World Bank US $ 139.60 million.

Import of crude oil

3457. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the value and quantity of crude oil contracted for purchase and actually imported on term contract and spot market purchase basis separately in 1986-87;

(b) the value and quantity of crude oil and sulphur imported from Iraq and Libya separately in Calendar years 1986 and 1987 and financial years 1986-87 and 1987-88 so far;

(c) what are the reasons for purchase of crude oil on term contract basis at OPEC prices when spot market oil is available at lower prices.

(d) what are the problems posed by Iran-Iraq war in shipment of oil to India from the Gulf and how these are being sorted out; and

(e) the efforts made to push Indian exports against crude oil purchases as counter-trade or otherwise in view of the weak oil market conditions abroad and the results thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) to (e) A Statement is attached.

Statement

(a) The value and quantity of crude oil contracted for purchase and actually imported on term contract during 1986-87 are mentioned below:

Quantity: In million tonnes
Value: Rs./Crores

CONTRACTED		ACTUAL	
Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
9.9		9.9*	1267.13**